



## **FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM**

### **Notice of Proposals to Engage in or to Acquire Companies Engaged in Permissible Nonbanking Activities**

The companies listed in this notice have given notice under section 4 of the Bank Holding Company Act (12 U.S.C. 1843) (BHC Act) and Regulation Y, (12 CFR part 225) to engage *de novo*, or to acquire or control voting securities or assets of a company, including the companies listed below, that engages either directly or through a subsidiary or other company, in a nonbanking activity that is listed in § 225.28 of Regulation Y (12 CFR 225.28) or that the Board has determined by Order to be closely related to banking and permissible for bank holding companies. Unless otherwise noted, these activities will be conducted throughout the United States.

Each notice is available for inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. The notice also will be available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing on the question whether the proposal complies with the standards of section 4 of the BHC Act.

The comment period for this notice has been extended. Comments regarding the notice must be received at the Reserve Bank indicated or the offices of the Board of Governors not later than February 16, 2016.

**A. Federal Reserve Bank of New York** (Ivan Hurwitz, Vice President) 33  
Liberty Street, New York, New York 10045-0001:

1. *New York Community Bancorp, Inc. Westbury, New York*; to acquire 100 percent of the voting shares of Astoria Financial Corporation, Lake Success, New York, and indirectly acquire Astoria Bank, Long Island City, New York, and thereby engage in extending credit and services loans, and in operating a saving association, pursuant to § 225.28(b)(1) and (b)(4)(ii).

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, January 21, 2016.

**Michael J. Lewandowski,**

*Associate Secretary of the Board.*

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